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ENERGY EFFICIENCY - RENEWABLE ENERGY | IT - DIGITAL MARKETS
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THE EASTERN PARTNERSHIP OF THE EU – OPPORTUNITIES FOR BUSINESS

ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA and its partners are pleased to invite you to the “EASTERN PARTNERSHIP BUSINESS FORUM 2018” of the Austrian Presidency of the EU Council, at the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber.

The Eastern Partnership (EaP) is a joint initiative involving the EU, its Member States and six Eastern European Partners: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine. It aims at building a common area of shared democracy, prosperity, stability and increased cooperation. More trade and investment, facilitated by a favourable business and investment climate, leads to more jobs and higher economic growth, as well as, ultimately, to more prosperity, and thus contributes to a sustainable security of the Eastern partner countries and their populations.

The forum and the B2B matchmaking platform will be an opportunity for representatives of companies, experts and public institutions from EU member states and the EU’s six Eastern partner countries to exchange experiences and views in the fields of Energy Efficiency – Renewable Energy and IT – Digital Market.

THURSDAY, 6th December 2018

08.30 – 09.30 REGISTRATION

09.30 – 09.45 WELCOME REMARKS
Harald MAHRER | President of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber (tbc.)
Margarete SCHRAMBÖCK | Federal Minister for Digital and Economic Affairs (tbc.)

09.45 – 10.00 OPENING SPEECH
H.E. Johannes HAHN | European Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations

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| 10.30 – 11.45 | **ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY**<br>Panellists: Political and Business Representatives/Experts from EaP Countries (max. 6 persons)<br>The participants will have the opportunity to share information in the fields of energy efficiency, sustainability in energy use and renewable energy. The focus of this panel will be put on the integration of new technologies in the development of renewable energies. Which actions have already been taken, what are the current trends and which activities will be crucial in the future.  
  • What are the current trends and the priorities in the EaP Member countries?  
  • Are there visible results?  
  • What are the key elements for developing more sustainable energy systems?  
  • What policy measures are necessary to mobilise more effectively the private sector investments in energy efficiency?  
  • What kinds of measures exist in the field of sustainable waste management?  
  • What synergies between countries can be achieved in the energy community?  
**Q & A**<br>Facilitator: Konrad ECKL | Sector Manager - Energy /Sustainability / Natural Resources | ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA|
| 11.45 – 12.00 | **COFFEE BREAK**                                                                    |
| 12.00 – 13.15 | **IT AND DIGITAL MARKETS**<br>Panellists: Political and Business Representatives/Experts from EaP Countries (max. 6 persons)<br>Digitalization is transforming every aspect of our lives. In economic and business terms it is changing the status quo, creating new opportunities and opening up new markets. Digital technologies will have a significant impact on all areas of economic and political cooperation in the Eastern Partnership.  
  • What are the current trends and the priorities in the EaP Member countries?  
  • Are there visible results?  
  • What are the implementation measures and achievements in the following areas:  
    - Electronic communications rules and infrastructure  
    - Trust & Security in the digital economy  
    - eTrade (including eCommerce, eCustoms and eLogistics / Digital  
    - Digital Skills  
    - ICT innovation and start-up ecosystems  
    - eHealth  
**Q & A**<br>Facilitator: Matthias GRABNER | Sector Manager - Technology | ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA |
| 13.15 – 14.00 | **LUNCH**                                                                           |
| 14.00 – 17.00 | **B2B-MEETINGS (HALLS 4 & 5)**<br>Meetings amongst participants will be prearranged via an online platform. |
| 17.00 – 18.00 | **RECEPTION**                                                                       |

⇒ Conference language English (only)